

IDAHO'S PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

Sections 34-731 through 34-740, Idaho Code

Idaho's Presidential Preference Primary is held on the fourth Tuesday in May (May 27, 2008).

A candidate for a political party nomination for president of the United States can be placed upon the ballot in the following manner:

- (1) If the Secretary of State determines, in his sole discretion, that the person's candidacy is generally advocated or recognized in national news media, he shall place such person's name on the ballot not less than sixty (60) days prior to the primary; or
- (2) Any candidate who was not placed on the ballot by the secretary of state, shall be placed on the ballot after filing a declaration of candidacy accompanied by a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) filing fee. The declaration shall be filed with the secretary of state no later than the fiftieth day prior to the date of the presidential preference primary.

Candidates placed upon the ballot cannot be removed unless the Secretary of State is informed of the candidate's death, incapacity or withdrawal not later than thirty (30) days prior to the primary.

Each candidate shall file with the Secretary of State a list of proposed delegates to the national convention not later than ten (10) days prior to the primary. The number of names set forth on such list of proposed delegates shall be equal to the number of delegates and alternates to the national party convention as are allotted to Idaho for that year by the national committee of that party. No person's name shall be placed on such a list of proposed delegates unless that person has attained the age of eighteen (18) years at the time said delegates' list is filed, is a citizen of the United States, is a qualified elector of the state of Idaho, and shall have resided in the state of Idaho for at least one (1) year next preceding filing of said list. The qualifications of each person, whose name appears on such list of proposed delegates, shall be verified by an affidavit of the candidate, or a representative of the candidate, and said affidavit shall be attached to said list so filed. The form of said affidavit shall be determined by the secretary of state.

Delegate lists shall be submitted on form PP-2.

Delegates are selected pursuant to Section 34-736, Idaho Code, which provides that 80% of the delegates are to be apportioned among the candidates who receive more than 5% of the votes cast for that party.

The Idaho Democratic Party does not use the results of the presidential preference primary in its delegate selection process. For information concerning the caucus system used in delegate selection please contact the Idaho State Democratic Party: PO Box 445, Boise, Idaho 83702; (208) 336-1815.

KEY DATES IN PRIMARY

1. Secretary of State to announce his selection in March (Deadline is March 28)
2. Deadline for submission of declaration and filing fee is April 7
3. Deadline for withdrawal from primary is April 28
4. Deadline for submission of list of proposed delegates is May 16
5. Primary Election is May 27